GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1596
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MISUSE OF SUBSIDY ON L.P.G.
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subsidy provided by the Government on L.P.G. is being misappropriated for commercial purposes without any check; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far or being taken by the Government to check such misappropriation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)
(a) and (b) To avoid the misle of subsided gas this, PSU Oil Marketing Companieshave been carrying out regular checks by way of surprise/routine inspections of the distributorships. Raids are also conducted on commercial establishments to seize domestic cylinders. Besides, vigilance drives are also launched periodically on an industry basis to check the diversion. Regular refill audits are undertaken by the Field Officers.